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# 2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights  
10-5 (1-2 Big 12)  
Johnny Dawkins  
141-92 | 297-207

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# 18/17 BYU Cougars  
13-3 (1-2 Big 12)  
Mark Pope  
100-44 | 177-100

January 13, 2024 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | Attendance - 9,137

Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	14
3 Darius Johnson (G)	14
11 Ibrahima Diallo (F)	2
21 C.J. Walker (F)	2
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	15

Series History

Overall	0-1
In Orlando	0-1
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Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Darius Johnson	18 PTS   2 REB   2 AST
Ibrahima Diallo	11 PTS   19 REB   2 BLK
BYU Cougars	
Aly Khalifa	17 PTS   4 REB   1 AST
Trevin Knell	14 PTS   6 REB   1 AST

Comparison

	Knights		Cougars	
1st Half	8-31 (25.8%)	FG	10-26 (38.5%)	1st Half
	3-13 (23.1%)	3PT	3-13 (23.1%)	
	5-13 (38.5%)	FT	3-4 (75%)	
2nd Half	9-27 (33.3%)	FG	11-26 (42.3%)	2nd Half
	0-5 (0%)	3PT	6-13 (46.2%)	
	16-20 (80%)	FT	9-13 (69.2%)	
Full Game	17-58 (29.3%)	FG	21-52 (40.4%)	Full Game
	3-18 (16.7%)	3PT	9-26 (34.6%)	
	21-33 (63.6%)	FT	12-17 (70.6%)	

Team Notes

UCF is now: 10-5 on the season, 1-2 in Big 12 play, 141-92 under Johnny Dawkins, and 160-76 at AFA

- The Knights defense hasn't allowed 80 or more points in nine straight contests, the longest stretch since 2021-22 when UCF went nine-straight games holding opponents to under 80 points (12/5/21-1/18/22).
- The Cougars were held to their lowest tally in a half this season, scoring 26 in the first half and connecting on just three of 13 attempted three-pointers. The last time BYU recorded under 26 in a half was against No. 22 Saint Mary's on Jan. 28, 2023, tallying just 25 points in the first half.
- Overall, UCF held the Cougars to their second-lowest point total of the season, just three more than a 60-point performance versus Cincinnati on Jan. 6. BYU's 63 points stand 24.1 below its season average.
- For the 14th game this season, the Knights forced more than 10 turnovers, forcing the Cougars' hand 13 times tonight. The Knights have now forced 248 turnovers this season (16.53).
- Including its victory over No. 3 Kansas on Wednesday, UCF has held ranked opponents to an aggregate 123 points in its past two games, the fewest allowed in consecutive contests versus ranked foes since the Knights' historic wins over No. 6 Houston and No. 19 Cincinnati in 2019, holding both to 117 points combined.

Player Notes

- Darius Johnson recorded his 13th double-digit performance and his eighth game with 15 or more points. With 18 points overall, including 13 in the first half, Johnson surpassed 200 on the season for the second time in his career (249 in 2022-23).
- Johnson is now 20 assists away from reaching 10th in program history in career assists. He currently holds 248 to his name and has recorded at least two in 14 games this season.
- Johnson has connected on at least two three-pointers in nine consecutive games, the longest stretch of his career and the longest stretch by a Knight since Darin Green Jr. secured nine straight of his own from Feb. 6 to Mar. 8, 2020.
- Ibrahima Diallo recorded a career-high 19 rebounds, including a dominant 10 in the first half. The performance marks the third game this season Diallo has reached double-digits rebounds, propelling him past the century-mark during the 2023-24 campaign.
- Diallo becomes the 13th player in program history to reach 19 rebounds and the performance ranks ninth in single-game rebounds. The tally is the most by a Knight since Tacko Fall grabbed 20 versus SMU on Feb. 24, 2019.
- On the offensive end, Diallo secured his second-consecutive game with double-digit points, scoring 11 on 50% shooting. Diallo has now surpassed 100 points for his third consecutive season. The performance marks his second double-double of the campaign.
- Making his 50th-career collegiate start, Jaylin Sellers recorded his 14th double-digit performance of the season, scoring 13 points. Sellers has notched at least 13 points in 13 games thus far.
- Shemarri Allen set a season and UCF career-high with five steals, his seventh game with at least two. Over the last five contests, Allen has secured 12 steals, his best stretch this season.

Dawkins' Perspective

"Well, I think our guys always give us an opportunity. One thing I've always said is you never see a team from UCF that doesn't play with great energy and I thought we did that again tonight, that gives us a chance because we keep fighting. Our guys believe they can win games, they believe they can come back if they're down. And I think it showed today we came up short, like I said, you give them credit for making the plays they had to make to withstand the run that we put on."